

KNMS Large Vessel Working Group Planning Meeting
July 12, 2002, FKNMS Lower Region Office
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This was the second planning session.

Reports:

LC – reported on correspondence with the Key West Chamber of Commerce resulting in the appointment of Michael Browning as its Working Group representative and John Dolan-Heitlinger as back up.

FW – reported on the following appointments: FWC – John Hunt; DEP – Gus Rios; NMFS – Michael Bailey; EPA – Kruczynski; Navy – Ron Demes.

LC – reported on conversation with Jimmy Weekley relating to the need for a balanced membership.

LC – reported on appointments of diving and fishing reps (I need to get the names, affiliations and numbers). LC also spoke about a conversation with port sustainability consultants and suggested Bob Smith with FKCC as a credible, local facilitator.

Discussion:

Ken Harris will also be involved as a local fishing rep.

USFWS (Florida Park Service and others) will be included on the mailing and distribution lists but not requested to provide representation at this time.

First meetings to focus on team building, laying out ground rules, goals and objectives.

Workshops to involve port, cruise ship, economics, environmental expert presentations, Q&A for working group with the public invited.

Recommended venues include Old City Hall, Casa Marina, FKCC, etc.

Working Group could be kicked off with an icebreaker at Foster Center where local officials would also be invited.

Action Steps:

LC will call USCG's Nimmich and Watson and speak to June Cradick about the icebreaker.

FW to pursue appointments from Bar Pilots, Monroe County, Corps and Cruise Ship industry. Also to call Bob Smith about facilitation.

DK is doing something that I forgot to write down.

General Projected Timeline – estimated 18 months to develop recommendations

- Summer '02 - establish working group/schedule icebreaker
- Fall '02 - convene/charge group /develop structure/issue identification
- Winter '02 - fact find sessions
- Spring '03 - issue clarification/brainstorming solutions
- Summer '03 - generate recommendations

Fall'03 - finalize recommendations
Winter '03/04 - prepare report